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Mr. Matthew Cohn, ENF-L
999 18th Street, Suite 500
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RE: Mel and Lerah Parker / EPA / W. R. Grace

Dear Mr. Cohn:

During our discussion of this matter this morning by telephone, you stated that you had obtained authority to proceed with a written agreement between EPA and the Parkers concerning remediation on their property in Libby, Montana. It is my understanding that this agreement will address relocation and restoration expenses as previously described by Mr. Paul Peronard in his May 19, 2000 letter to Mr. and Mrs. Parker. You indicated that it would not be possible for you to send me EPA's written proposal until next week because you will be tied up this week with other work.

The purpose of this letter is to advise that Mel and Lerah Parker are concerned about the fact their home and greenhouses have already been demolished by the EPA and its contractors, without benefit of a particularized written agreement or understanding as to the Parkers' rights. While they do not wish to create problems in a relationship that has been wholly amicable to date, an agreement including the details of their entitlement to relocation and restoration expenses and addressing response cost issues must be worked out between EPA and the Parkers at an early date.

Please provide EPA's written proposal as soon as possible. We are prepared to meet with EPA representatives to work out the details of an agreement at any reasonable time and place.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,



Tom L. Lewis

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c: Mel and Lerah Parker
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